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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

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1. PER TODAY'S (MAY 23) CONVERSATION WITH SAUNDERS AND
VELIOTES, THE FOLLOWING IS THE AMENDED VERSION OF
THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE, WHICH WAS HAND DELIVERED
TO THE PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:
YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION YESTERDAY TO COMPLETE
THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM LEBANON BY JUNE 13
WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A DIFFICULT ONE. I WANT TO CONVEY TO
YOU, DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN AND FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN
MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR TAKING UP THE ISSUE PROMPTLY
IN THE CABINET FOLLOWING MOSHE'S RETURN FROM ABORAD,
AS YOU HAD INDICATED YOU WOULD.

AS YOU KNOW, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THIS DECISION,
AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, WILL
STRENGTHEN THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE
TO TAKE FIRM CONTROL OVER THE AREA FOR WHICH IT IS
RESPONSIBLE. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO
EVERYTHING WE CAN TO INCREASE STABILITY ALONG ISRAEL'S
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NORTHERN BORDER.

WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, (SIGNED) CYRUS VANCE.
END TEXT.
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